

# **Estimates of National Expenditure 2023**

## **Vote 26: Military Veterans**

**National Treasury  
Republic of South Africa**





# Vote 26

## Military Veterans

### Budget summary

R million	2023/24			Total	2024/25	2025/26
	Current payments	Transfers and subsidies	Payments for capital assets		Total	Total
<b>MTEF allocation</b>						
Administration	128.9	–	6.6	135.5	141.7	148.0
Socioeconomic Support	167.0	371.6	3.5	542.1	605.3	669.2
Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	130.4	71.3	15.5	217.2	227.6	242.8
<b>Total expenditure estimates</b>	<b>426.2</b>	<b>442.9</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>894.7</b>	<b>974.6</b>	<b>1 060.0</b>
Executive authority	Minister of Defence and Military Veterans					
Accounting officer	Director-General of Military Veterans					
Website	www.dmv.gov.za					

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### Vote purpose

Formulate policies and standards aimed at providing a comprehensive delivery system to military veterans and their dependants in recognition of their role in the democratisation of South Africa.

### Mandate

The Department of Military Veterans derives its mandate from the Military Veterans Act (2011), which requires it to provide national policy and standards on socioeconomic support to military veterans and their dependants, including benefits and entitlements to help realise a dignified, unified, empowered and self-sufficient community of military veterans.

### Selected performance indicators

Table 26.1 Performance indicators by programme and related priority

Indicator	Programme	MTSF priority	Audited performance			Estimated performance	MTEF targets		
			2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Number of military veterans provided with newly built houses per year	Socioeconomic Support	Priority 5: Spatial integration, human settlements and local government	477	192	71	355	480	480	480
Total number of military veterans and their dependants receiving pension benefits	Socioeconomic Support	Priority 6: Social cohesion and safer communities	– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	– <sup>1</sup>	2 000	4 000	6 500	9 500
Total number of military veterans with access to health care services	Socioeconomic Support	Priority 3: Education, skills and health	18 390	18 500	19 100	19 700	20 200	20 700	21 200
Number of bursaries provided to military veterans and their dependants per year	Empowerment and Stakeholder Management		4 449	2 779	3 711	3 500	3 500	3 500	3 500
Number of military veteran memorial sites facilitated per year	Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	Priority 6: Social cohesion and safer communities	0	0	0	3	3	3	3

1. No historical data available.

### Expenditure overview

Acknowledging military veterans' contribution to the creation of South Africa's democracy has the potential to deepen social cohesion and national unity while redressing the inequities of the past. As such, over the medium term, the department will focus on providing military veterans and their dependants with access to key benefits such as pensions, housing, health care and education, training and skills development programmes.

A projected 83.9 per cent (R3 billion) of the department's total budget over the medium term is allocated to the

*Socioeconomic Support and Empowerment and Stakeholder Management* programmes. The aim of these programmes is to improve quality of life for eligible military veterans and their dependants. Over the period ahead, the department plans to roll out pension benefits to 9 500 deserving military veterans and their dependants at an estimated cost of R1.2 billion. This is funded through a combination of an additional allocation of R839 million and the reprioritisation of R326 million over the medium term from education support benefit. The use of the additional allocation for this purpose is subject to tabling pension benefit regulations in Parliament and applying a strict means test to avoid double-dipping.

The department expects to deliver 1 440 houses to military veterans over the next 3 years. Provincial departments of human settlements will continue to construct these houses on behalf of the department, as per the terms of the department’s housing delivery model. Funding is provided through the *Socioeconomic Support* programme at a projected cost of R117 million.

Health care for eligible military veterans is fully subsidised by the department through the South African Military Health Service, which is funded through the *Health Care and Wellbeing Support* subprogramme in the *Socioeconomic Support* programme. Over the period ahead, the department plans to increase the number of military veterans who access health care from 19 700 in 2022/23 to 21 200 in 2025/26. To accommodate this expected increase, the department has reprioritised R6 million over the medium term from housing benefits. As such, spending in the *Health Care and Wellbeing Support* subprogramme is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 3 per cent, from R113.9 million in 2022/23 to R124.5 million in 2025/26.

The department plans to maintain the number of bursaries provided to military veterans and their dependants at 3 500 in each year of the medium term. If necessary, it will refer students previously funded by the department to the National Student Financial Aid Scheme as part of state-subsidised higher education. Allocations for this are within the *Socioeconomic Support* programme, which has a budget of R1.8 billion over the next 3 years.

The department will continue to reposition its empowerment and skills development programme by focusing on areas such as road maintenance, plumbing and farming, among others. The department will also ensure that military veterans and their dependants participate in government programmes that create jobs and business opportunities, and encourage entrepreneurship. As such, over the MTEF period, the department plans to provide 3 000 military veterans with access to relevant training and skills development. To carry out these activities, R687.6 million over the next 3 years is allocated in the *Empowerment and Stakeholder Management* programme.

Total expenditure is expected to increase at an average annual rate of 16.5 per cent, from R670 million in 2022/23 to R1.1 billion in 2025/26. This increase is mainly due to the allocation of additional funding amounting to R839 million for rolling out pension benefit to military veterans and their dependants, as well as R11.3 million over the same period to cover cost-of-living adjustments.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 26.2 Vote expenditure trends and estimates by programme and economic classification**

Programmes											
1. Administration											
2. Socioeconomic Support											
3. Empowerment and Stakeholder Management											
Programme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
R million	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2019/20 - 2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	2022/23 - 2025/26	
Programme 1	139.6	134.8	134.2	151.4	2.7%	26.8%	135.5	141.7	148.0	-0.8%	16.0%
Programme 2	254.8	224.4	233.9	370.3	13.3%	51.8%	542.1	605.3	669.2	21.8%	60.8%
Programme 3	82.7	70.1	147.6	148.3	21.5%	21.4%	217.2	227.6	242.8	17.9%	23.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>477.2</b>	<b>429.3</b>	<b>515.6</b>	<b>670.0</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>894.7</b>	<b>974.6</b>	<b>1 060.0</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2022 Budget estimate				3.7			231.7	281.9	336.2		

**Table 26.2 Vote expenditure trends and estimates by programme and economic classification (continued)**

Economic classification	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22				2022/23	2019/20 - 2022/23	2023/24		
R million											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>365.5</b>	<b>312.1</b>	<b>358.2</b>	<b>444.9</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>70.8%</b>	<b>426.2</b>	<b>447.2</b>	<b>467.3</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>49.6%</b>
Compensation of employees	130.1	121.6	116.4	133.4	0.8%	24.0%	134.4	140.4	146.6	3.2%	15.4%
Goods and services <sup>1</sup>	235.4	189.2	241.8	311.5	9.8%	46.7%	291.8	306.8	320.7	1.0%	34.2%
of which:											
Computer services	13.6	17.5	11.4	15.2	3.8%	2.8%	22.7	23.0	23.7	15.9%	2.4%
Contractors	127.4	101.3	89.7	102.0	-7.1%	20.1%	98.3	101.3	105.7	1.2%	11.3%
Agency and support/outsourced services	2.9	2.8	4.2	6.3	30.0%	0.8%	10.3	11.6	11.9	23.6%	1.1%
Operating leases	19.7	24.7	25.4	14.5	-9.7%	4.0%	14.1	16.5	16.9	5.3%	1.7%
Travel and subsistence	28.4	7.0	19.3	57.5	26.5%	5.4%	42.4	46.8	51.1	-3.9%	5.5%
Training and development	17.5	16.5	31.7	28.2	17.4%	4.5%	38.0	36.7	35.9	8.4%	3.9%
Interest and rent on land	0.0	1.3	-	-	-100.0%	0.1%	-	-	-	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Transfers and subsidies<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>110.2</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>129.1</b>	<b>214.7</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>27.0%</b>	<b>442.9</b>	<b>502.2</b>	<b>566.7</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	<b>48.0%</b>
Foreign governments and international organisations	-	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.0%	0.0%	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.5%	0.1%
Households	110.2	111.3	129.0	214.1	24.8%	27.0%	442.3	501.6	566.1	38.3%	47.9%
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>90.6%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>35.7%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
Machinery and equipment	1.4	1.4	28.3	9.4	88.2%	1.9%	12.1	10.6	10.6	4.0%	1.2%
Heritage assets	0.1	-	-	0.1	0.7%	0.0%	10.6	10.8	11.5	387.0%	0.9%
Software and other intangible assets	-	-	-	0.9	0.0%	0.0%	2.9	3.9	3.9	60.8%	0.3%
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>477.2</b>	<b>429.3</b>	<b>515.6</b>	<b>670.0</b>	<b>12.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>894.7</b>	<b>974.6</b>	<b>1 060.0</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

1. Tables with expenditure trends, annual budget, adjusted appropriation and audited outcome are available at [www.treasury.gov.za](http://www.treasury.gov.za) and [www.vulekamali.gov.za](http://www.vulekamali.gov.za).

## Transfers and subsidies expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 26.3 Vote transfers and subsidies trends and estimates**

	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22				2022/23	2019/20 - 2022/23	2023/24		
R thousand											
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	<b>107 589</b>	<b>107 348</b>	<b>21 446</b>	<b>48 041</b>	<b>-23.6%</b>	<b>50.3%</b>	<b>344 150</b>	<b>401 816</b>	<b>462 025</b>	<b>112.7%</b>	<b>72.8%</b>
Household	593	415	460	100	-44.8%	0.3%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
Military veterans' benefits	106 996	106 933	20 986	47 941	-23.5%	50.0%	344 150	401 816	462 025	112.8%	72.7%
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	<b>2 647</b>	<b>3 921</b>	<b>107 578</b>	<b>166 065</b>	<b>297.4%</b>	<b>49.6%</b>	<b>98 123</b>	<b>99 755</b>	<b>104 032</b>	<b>-14.4%</b>	<b>27.1%</b>
Household	2 618	3 493	445	-	-100.0%	1.2%	-	-	-	-	-
Military veterans' benefits	29	428	107 133	166 065	1689.1%	48.4%	98 123	99 755	104 032	-14.4%	27.1%
<b>Foreign governments and international organisations</b>											
<b>Current</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
World Veterans Federation	-	70	31	600	-	0.1%	600	600	627	1.5%	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>110 236</b>	<b>111 339</b>	<b>129 055</b>	<b>214 706</b>	<b>24.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>442 873</b>	<b>502 171</b>	<b>566 684</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Personnel information

**Table 26.4 Vote personnel numbers and cost by salary level and programme<sup>1</sup>**

Programmes		Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2023		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment												Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/Total (%)		
		Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual		Revised estimate		Medium-term expenditure estimate											
						2021/22		2022/23		2023/24		2024/25		2025/26		2022/23 - 2025/26			
				Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost	Number	Unit cost				
<b>Military Veterans</b>																			
<b>Salary level</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>116.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
1 – 6	54	39	64	18.7	0.3	63	19.5	0.3	59	17.6	0.3	56	17.7	0.3	59	19.0	0.3	-2.1%	31.0%
7 – 10	63	8	61	35.0	0.6	65	38.5	0.6	53	31.1	0.6	54	34.2	0.6	57	36.2	0.6	-4.3%	29.7%
11 – 12	36	1	36	32.0	0.9	41	38.5	0.9	46	42.6	0.9	45	43.7	1.0	47	45.9	1.0	4.4%	23.3%
13 – 16	24	-	23	29.4	1.3	28	37.0	1.3	32	43.1	1.3	31	44.7	1.4	31	45.4	1.5	3.4%	16.0%
Other	-	-	0	1.2	4.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Programme</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>116.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>133.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>134.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>140.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Programme 1	102	25	110	64.2	0.6	104	64.4	0.6	78	47.9	0.6	77	50.1	0.7	81	52.3	0.6	-8.1%	44.4%
Programme 2	32	18	33	20.8	0.6	49	34.9	0.7	59	44.8	0.8	58	46.7	0.8	60	48.8	0.8	6.7%	29.5%
Programme 3	43	5	41	31.4	0.8	44	34.2	0.8	52	41.7	0.8	51	43.6	0.9	53	45.5	0.9	6.9%	26.1%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Departmental receipts

Table 26.5 Departmental receipts by economic classification

R thousand	Audited outcome			Adjusted estimate	Revised estimate	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)	Medium-term receipts estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Receipt item/ Total (%)
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22					2022/23	2019/20 - 2022/23	2023/24		
Departmental receipts	1 083	1 106	585	523	523	-21.5%	100.0%	564	592	630	6.4%	100.0%
Sales of goods and services produced by department	41	38	38	51	51	7.5%	5.1%	54	57	60	5.6%	9.6%
Other sales	41	38	38	51	51	7.5%	5.1%	54	57	60	5.6%	9.6%
of which:												
Other	41	38	38	51	51	7.5%	5.1%	54	57	60	5.6%	9.6%
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions in financial assets and liabilities	1 042	1 068	547	472	472	-23.2%	94.9%	510	535	570	6.5%	90.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 083</b>	<b>1 106</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>-21.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Programme 1: Administration

### Programme purpose

Provide strategic leadership, management and support services to the department.

### Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.6 Administration expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22				2022/23	2019/20 - 2022/23	2023/24		
R million											
Management	12.5	14.3	9.8	13.7	3.0%	9.0%	10.2	11.1	11.4	-5.8%	8.0%
Corporate Services	68.7	66.4	61.2	75.8	3.4%	48.6%	70.4	73.3	76.8	0.4%	51.4%
Financial Administration	21.0	20.0	19.7	18.7	-3.8%	14.2%	14.3	15.2	15.9	-5.3%	11.1%
Internal Audit	10.6	9.4	10.9	12.5	5.4%	7.7%	10.3	11.0	11.5	-2.5%	7.9%
Strategic Planning, Policy Development, and Monitoring and Evaluation	13.9	11.4	14.2	12.9	-2.3%	9.4%	12.2	13.4	14.2	3.1%	9.1%
Office Accommodation	12.9	13.3	18.4	17.8	11.3%	11.2%	18.1	17.7	18.2	0.7%	12.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139.6</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>151.4</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>141.7</b>	<b>148.0</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2022 Budget estimate				18.1			1.3	1.3	1.4		

### Economic classification

<b>Current payments</b>	<b>135.2</b>	<b>130.5</b>	<b>132.9</b>	<b>147.7</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>97.6%</b>	<b>128.9</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>142.0</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
Compensation of employees	74.2	68.6	64.2	64.4	-4.6%	48.5%	47.9	50.1	52.3	-6.7%	37.2%
Goods and services	61.1	60.6	68.7	83.3	10.9%	48.9%	80.9	85.8	89.7	2.5%	58.9%
of which:											
Audit costs: External	6.9	5.5	8.3	7.4	2.5%	5.0%	6.4	6.6	6.9	-2.1%	4.7%
Communication	3.7	3.5	3.4	7.8	28.1%	3.3%	4.5	5.0	5.6	-10.5%	4.0%
Computer services	13.6	17.5	11.4	14.6	2.4%	10.2%	19.2	19.4	19.9	11.0%	12.7%
Operating leases	19.7	24.7	25.4	11.9	-15.6%	14.6%	14.1	16.5	16.9	12.6%	10.3%
Property payments	2.0	2.2	6.7	6.2	46.7%	3.1%	4.7	4.9	5.2	-5.8%	3.6%
Travel and subsistence	6.3	1.7	1.9	5.1	-6.8%	2.7%	6.8	7.5	7.5	14.2%	4.7%
Interest and rent on land	-	1.3	-	-	-	0.2%	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-68.5%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Households	3.2	3.9	0.9	0.1	-68.5%	1.5%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>46.1%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
Machinery and equipment	1.2	0.3	0.3	2.7	32.9%	0.8%	4.7	3.0	3.1	4.5%	2.3%
Software and other intangible assets	-	-	-	0.9	-	0.2%	1.9	2.9	2.9	48.4%	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>139.6</b>	<b>134.8</b>	<b>134.2</b>	<b>151.4</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>141.7</b>	<b>148.0</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	29.3%	31.4%	26.0%	22.6%	-	-	15.1%	14.5%	14.0%	-	-

### Details of transfers and subsidies

<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-36.7%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>-</b>
Household	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	-36.7%	0.2%	-	-	-	-100.0%	-
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Household	2.5	3.5	0.4	-	-100.0%	1.2%	-	-	-	-	-

## Personnel information

**Table 26.7 Administration personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2023			Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)			
Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment		Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate													
			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			2025/26			2022/23 - 2025/26				
			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost					
Administration			102	25		110	64.2	0.6	104	64.4	0.6	78	47.9	0.6	77	50.1	0.7	81	52.3	0.6	-8.1%	100.0%
Salary level																						
1 – 6	34	22			44	12.4	0.3	40	11.8	0.3	35	9.9	0.3	33	9.8	0.3	36	10.9	0.3	-3.4%	42.4%	
7 – 10	33	2			33	18.9	0.6	32	18.9	0.6	17	9.9	0.6	20	12.5	0.6	20	13.2	0.6	-14.0%	26.1%	
11 – 12	23	1			22	19.0	0.9	21	18.8	0.9	15	13.3	0.9	14	13.2	0.9	14	13.4	0.9	-11.9%	19.1%	
13 – 16	12	–			10	13.3	1.3	11	14.9	1.4	11	14.9	1.4	10	14.5	1.5	10	14.7	1.5	-3.2%	12.3%	
Other	–	–			0	0.6	2.4	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Programme 2: Socioeconomic Support

### Programme purpose

Develop and monitor the implementation of legislation, policy frameworks and service delivery cooperation agreements on compensation for injury in military service, counselling, health care, public transport, pension and housing benefits for military veterans eligible for such support.

### Objectives

- Establish an enabling environment for the provision of socioeconomic support services to military veterans by:
  - maintaining the credibility and security of the national database of military veterans through consolidating data and updating software and the personal files of military veterans on an ongoing basis
  - facilitating access to benefits espoused in section 5 of the Military Veterans Act (2011) for eligible military veterans by March 2026.
- Advance the delivery of social services to military veterans and their dependants by developing strategic partnerships with other organs of the state and in broader society, where applicable, to ensure that by March 2026:
  - 1 440 military veterans are provided with newly built houses
  - 9 500 military veterans and their dependants are provided with pension benefits
  - 21 200 military veterans have access to health care services.
- Provide strategic leadership to the socioeconomic sector by conducting ongoing research on pertinent issues affecting military veterans; developing requisite policies; and implementing strategies, guidelines, frameworks, norms and standards by March 2026.

### Subprogrammes

- *Database and Benefits Management* establishes systems for the seamless transition of servicemen and servicewomen from active military service to civilian life. This subprogramme also consolidates and ensures the credibility and security of the national database of military veterans, and oversees governance obligations and resources allocated based on the provisions of the Military Veterans Act (2011).
- *Health Care and Wellbeing Support* facilitates the provision of health care services and wellbeing support to military veterans, including initiatives to prevent disease.
- *Socioeconomic Support Management* develops norms and standards for the provision of public transport, pension, housing and social relief of distress benefits for eligible military veterans. This subprogramme also establishes strategic partnerships to advance service delivery, tracks delivery by service providers on agreed targets, reports on service delivery and ensures continual improvement.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

Table 26.8 Socioeconomic Support expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%)
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22				2022/23	2019/20 - 2022/23	2023/24		
R million											
Database and Benefits Management	7.6	8.0	8.9	31.0	59.7%	5.1%	32.3	34.5	35.8	4.8%	6.1%
Health Care and Wellbeing Support	144.8	112.4	104.1	113.9	-7.7%	43.9%	113.9	119.1	124.5	3.0%	21.6%
Socioeconomic Support Management	102.4	104.0	120.9	225.4	30.1%	51.0%	395.8	451.8	508.9	31.2%	72.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>254.8</b>	<b>224.4</b>	<b>233.9</b>	<b>370.3</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>542.1</b>	<b>605.3</b>	<b>669.2</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2022 Budget estimate				(8.3)			167.2	213.4	259.7		
<b>Economic classification</b>											
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>156.5</b>	<b>124.9</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>160.2</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>51.6%</b>	<b>167.0</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>183.1</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Compensation of employees	23.9	22.4	20.8	34.9	13.3%	9.4%	44.8	46.7	48.8	11.9%	8.0%
Goods and services	132.5	102.5	96.9	125.3	-1.9%	42.2%	122.2	128.4	134.3	2.3%	23.3%
of which:											
Computer services	–	–	–	0.6	–	0.1%	3.5	3.6	3.8	80.4%	0.5%
Consultants: Business and advisory services	–	–	0.6	5.5	–	0.6%	5.1	5.2	5.3	-0.9%	1.0%
Contractors	127.4	101.2	89.7	96.4	-8.9%	38.3%	95.6	99.7	104.0	2.6%	18.1%
Fleet services (including government motor transport)	–	–	–	5.0	–	0.5%	2.1	2.6	3.1	-14.3%	0.6%
Consumables: Stationery, printing and office supplies	0.4	0.1	0.1	2.1	74.5%	0.2%	2.1	1.9	2.0	-1.1%	0.4%
Travel and subsistence	3.2	1.1	3.5	10.9	51.0%	1.7%	8.3	9.0	9.8	-3.6%	1.7%
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>98.2</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>208.1</b>	<b>28.5%</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>371.6</b>	<b>426.7</b>	<b>483.0</b>	<b>32.4%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>
Households	98.2	98.9	116.0	208.1	28.5%	48.1%	371.6	426.7	483.0	32.4%	68.1%
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>117.7%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
Machinery and equipment	0.2	0.6	0.2	2.0	116.0%	0.3%	2.5	2.4	2.0	1.2%	0.4%
Software and other intangible assets	–	–	–	0.0	–	–	1.0	1.0	1.0	177.1%	0.1%
Payments for financial assets	–	–	0.0	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>254.8</b>	<b>224.4</b>	<b>233.9</b>	<b>370.3</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>542.1</b>	<b>605.3</b>	<b>669.2</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure	53.4%	52.3%	45.4%	55.3%	–	–	60.6%	62.1%	63.1%	–	–
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>											
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Social benefits</b>											
<b>Current</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>98.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>-24.6%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>335.5</b>	<b>392.9</b>	<b>453.0</b>	<b>120.7%</b>	<b>56.0%</b>
Military veterans' benefits	98.1	98.9	8.9	42.1	-24.6%	22.9%	335.5	392.9	453.0	120.7%	56.0%
<b>Households</b>											
<b>Other transfers to households</b>											
<b>Current</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>166.0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>-43.4%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
Military veterans' benefits	–	–	107.0	166.0	–	25.2%	36.1	33.8	30.0	-43.4%	12.2%

## Personnel information

Table 26.9 Socioeconomic Support personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>

Salary level	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2023		Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/ Total (%)
	Number of funded posts	Number of posts additional to the establishment	Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate										
			2021/22	2022/23		2023/24			2024/25			2025/26			2022/23 - 2025/26				
Socioeconomic Support			Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost	Number	Cost	Unit cost		
	32	18	33	20.8	0.6	49	34.9	0.7	59	44.8	0.8	58	46.7	0.8	60	48.8	0.8	6.7%	100.0%
1 – 6	16	15	16	5.1	0.3	19	6.3	0.3	20	6.4	0.3	20	6.8	0.3	20	7.0	0.3	2.1%	35.1%
7 – 10	7	3	8	4.4	0.6	12	8.0	0.7	14	9.1	0.6	14	9.7	0.7	14	9.8	0.7	5.3%	23.9%
11 – 12	4	–	4	4.1	1.0	9	9.0	1.0	12	11.6	1.0	10	10.0	1.0	11	11.4	1.0	7.9%	18.8%
13 – 16	5	–	5	6.5	1.3	9	11.6	1.3	13	17.6	1.3	14	20.3	1.4	14	20.6	1.5	15.7%	22.3%
Other	–	–	–	0.6	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.

2. Rand million.

## Programme 3: Empowerment and Stakeholder Management

## Programme purpose

Manage and facilitate the implementation of military veteran empowerment and stakeholder management programmes.



## Objectives

- Ensure the empowerment of deserving military veterans by:
  - developing and implementing a special purpose vehicle to facilitate business opportunities by March 2026
  - forming partnerships with 12 companies in the private sector and other organs of state, and entering into service-level agreements and memorandums of understanding over the medium term
  - monitoring and evaluating the implementation of agreements and memorandums of understanding to ensure that support is provided annually
  - providing 3 000 military veterans with access to relevant training and skills development and concluding 12 formal agreements with institutions of higher education and training for the provision of skills development over the medium term
  - providing 3 500 eligible military veterans and their dependants with education support in each year over the medium term
  - facilitating the integration of the South African National Military Veterans Association of military veterans with the international community through the establishment of relevant exchange programmes by March 2026
  - facilitating the integration of military veterans into the national workforce on an ongoing basis.
- Honour and memorialise military veterans who played a meaningful role in the liberation of South Africa by ensuring that 3 memorial sites for military veterans are facilitated in each year over the medium term.

## Subprogrammes

- *Provincial Offices and Stakeholder Relations* facilitates and coordinates military veteran stakeholder institutions and provides administrative support to secure stakeholders from public and private institutions that are willing to contribute towards the wellbeing of military veterans.
- *Empowerment and Skills Development* provides skills programmes and related activities to ensure that military veterans contribute positively to mainstream economic activities.
- *Heritage, Memorials, Burials and Honours* provides services to honour the contributions made by military veterans in the struggle for democracy, and ensures that their memorials are adequately secured, articulated in a dignified manner, and captured in historical texts.

## Expenditure trends and estimates

**Table 26.10 Empowerment and Stakeholder Management expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification**

Subprogramme	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation 2022/23	Average growth rate (%) 2019/20 - 2022/23	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) 2019/20 - 2022/23	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%) 2022/23 - 2025/26	Average: Expenditure/ Total (%) 2022/23 - 2025/26
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22				2023/24	2024/25	2025/26		
R million											
Provincial Offices and Stakeholder Relations	37.0	28.7	32.4	56.1	14.8%	34.4%	45.6	48.4	51.3	-2.9%	24.1%
Empowerment and Skills Development	27.8	27.5	95.3	67.6	34.5%	48.6%	124.8	128.6	137.1	26.6%	54.8%
Heritage, Memorials, Burials and Honours	17.9	13.8	19.9	24.7	11.2%	17.0%	46.7	50.7	54.4	30.2%	21.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>148.3</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>217.2</b>	<b>227.6</b>	<b>242.8</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Change to 2022 Budget estimate				(6.1)			63.2	67.2	75.2		

**Table 26.10 Empowerment and Stakeholder Management expenditure trends and estimates by subprogramme and economic classification (continued)**

Economic classification	Audited outcome			Adjusted appropriation	Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	Medium-term expenditure estimate			Average growth rate (%)	Average: Expenditure/Total (%)	
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22				2022/23	2019/20	2022/23			2023/24
R million												
<b>Current payments</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>107.6</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>83.6%</b>	<b>130.4</b>	<b>136.2</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>65.3%</b>	
Compensation of employees	32.0	30.6	31.4	34.2	2.2%	28.5%	41.7	43.6	45.5	10.0%	19.7%	
Goods and services	41.8	26.1	76.2	102.9	35.0%	55.0%	88.6	92.6	96.7	-2.0%	45.6%	
<i>of which:</i>												
Administrative fees	1.5	0.3	1.1	1.8	6.0%	1.1%	2.4	2.5	2.8	14.9%	1.1%	
Agency and support/outsource services	2.9	2.8	4.2	6.3	30.0%	3.6%	10.3	11.6	11.9	23.6%	4.8%	
Inventory: Other supplies	–	–	21.0	–	–	4.7%	5.0	5.0	5.0	–	1.8%	
Travel and subsistence	19.0	4.3	13.9	41.5	29.8%	17.5%	27.2	30.2	33.8	-6.7%	15.9%	
Training and development	16.6	16.5	31.6	26.3	16.5%	20.3%	35.8	34.5	33.6	8.5%	15.6%	
Venues and facilities	1.4	0.4	2.1	8.9	86.4%	2.8%	2.2	2.6	3.1	-29.9%	2.0%	
Interest and rent on land	0.0	–	–	–	-100.0%	–	–	–	–	–	–	
<b>Transfers and subsidies</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>-9.8%</b>	<b>8.0%</b>	<b>71.3</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>134.3%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>	
Foreign governments and international organisations	–	0.1	0.0	0.6	–	0.2%	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.5%	0.3%	
Households	8.8	8.5	12.2	5.9	-12.6%	7.9%	70.7	74.9	83.0	141.4%	28.1%	
<b>Payments for capital assets</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>220.6%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>52.5%</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	
Machinery and equipment	0.0	0.4	27.8	4.7	363.4%	7.3%	4.9	5.2	5.4	4.9%	2.4%	
Heritage assets	0.1	–	–	0.1	0.7%	–	10.6	10.8	11.5	387.0%	3.9%	
<b>Payments for financial assets</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>70.1</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>148.3</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>217.2</b>	<b>227.6</b>	<b>242.8</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
<b>Proportion of total programme expenditure to vote expenditure</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	<b>16.3%</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>22.1%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>24.3%</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	
<b>Details of transfers and subsidies</b>												
<b>Households</b>												
<b>Social benefits</b>												
<b>Current</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-13.6%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	
Military veterans' benefits	8.8	8.1	12.0	5.7	-13.6%	7.7%	8.7	8.9	9.0	16.6%	3.9%	
<b>Households</b>												
<b>Other transfers to households</b>												
<b>Current</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	
Military veterans' benefits	–	–	–	–	–	–	62.0	66.0	74.0	–	24.2%	
<b>Foreign governments and international organisations</b>												
<b>Current</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	
World Veterans Federation	–	0.1	0.0	0.6	–	0.2%	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.5%	0.3%	

**Personnel information**

**Table 26.11 Empowerment and Stakeholder Management personnel numbers and cost by salary level<sup>1</sup>**

Empowerment and Stakeholder Management	Number of posts estimated for 31 March 2023	Number of posts additional to the funded posts	Number and cost <sup>2</sup> of personnel posts filled/planned for on funded establishment															Average growth rate (%)	Average: Salary level/Total (%)
			Actual			Revised estimate			Medium-term expenditure estimate										
			2021/22			2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			2025/26				
<b>Salary level</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
1 – 6	4	2	4	1.2	0.3	4	1.4	0.4	4	1.4	0.3	3	1.1	0.4	3	1.1	0.4	-9.1%	7.0%
7 – 10	23	3	20	11.7	0.6	21	11.5	0.6	22	12.1	0.6	21	12.0	0.6	22	13.2	0.6	2.6%	42.4%
11 – 12	9	–	9	8.9	0.9	11	10.7	1.0	19	17.7	0.9	21	20.5	1.0	21	21.1	1.0	24.0%	35.7%
13 – 16	7	–	8	9.5	1.3	8	10.6	1.3	8	10.6	1.3	7	9.9	1.4	7	10.0	1.4	-4.4%	15.0%

1. Data has been provided by the department and may not necessarily reconcile with official government personnel data.  
 2. Rand million.